

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE:

Evaluation of Existing "No Parking" Zone, Kettleman Lane West of Ham Lane.

East of the Municipal Service Center Driveway

MEETING DATE:

November 17,1993

PREPARED BY:

Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council review the following evaluation of the existing "no parking" zone located on the north side of Kettleman Lane (State Highway 12) west of Ham Lane, adjacent to the Municipal Service Center

driveway, and take the appropriate action.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: At its meeting of August 18, during discussion on a related item. City Council inquired whether truck parking was provided on the north side of Kettleman Lane adjacent to the City's Municipal Service Center (MSC) driveway when the "no parking" zones were approved. The

owner of the convenience store east of the Municipal Service Center has since contacted the Public Works Department requesting that the "no parking" zones be modified to provide more truck parking for his customers. The following is a comparison of the business owner's request and the length of "no parking" zone calculated by staff.

The "no parking" zone on Kettleman Lane west of Ham Lane, adjacent to the MSC driveway, was approved by City Council in December 1991. The concern expressed at this location was that trucks and other vehicles parked along Kettleman Lane adjacent to the MSC driveway make it difficult for drivers exiting this driveway to see approaching vehicles. Exiting was particularly difficult for drivers of large trucks laden with equipment or towing long material such as power poles. To determine the lengths of "no parking" zones needed to improve visibility of approaching traffic, the Public Works Department performed a sight distance analysis using established guidelines. There are certain assumptions in these guidelines. One assumption is that the eye of the driver exiting the driveway is at the face of curb. This location is used because, in a typical vehicle, if the driver's eye is at the face of curb, the front of the vehicle will be within the parking lane. Placing the driver's eye past the face of curb could put the front of the vehicle beyond the parking lane and into the travel lane. Since truck parking is a concern here, it is also assumed that the left edge of the vehicle creating the sight problem is ten feet from the curb. (In areas where the parking problem is typically due to common passenger vehicles, it is assumed that the vehicles are only eight feet from the curb.) With the driver's eye at the face of curb, and considering the critical speed (85th percentile) of the traffic and lane configuration. staff recommended that 160 feet of "no parking" be installed east of the driveway. The City Council reduced staff's recommendation to 137 feet to provide 42 feet of parking area west of the convenience store driveway. This was provided to allow two cars, an RV, or a medium-sized truck to park. The entire length of the present "no parking" zone is in front of City of Lodi property.

THOMAS A. PETERSON

City Manager

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The business owner's request is to further reduce the length of the "no parking" zone east of the MSC driveway to provide 80 to 100 feet of parking for full-size trucks (semi truck and trailer) near his business. Additionally, the business owner has requested 25 feet of "no parking" zone west of the driveway servicing his business to improve viriality of eastbound vehicles. This request would reduce the length of the "no parking" zone east of the MSC driveway to between 74 and 54 feet. The resulting length of "no parking" zone would be 63 to 83 feet shorter than the existing zone and 86 to 106 feet shorter than staff's original recommendation. This request and the existing conditions in the area are shown on Exhibit A. In order to reduce the length of "no parking" zone to meet the minimum request of the business owner, the eye of the driver exiting the driveway would have to be more than 6 feet beyond the face of the curb. This would place the front of the vehicle beyond the parking lane and approximately 4 feet into the travel lane. Shown below are varying lengths of "no parking" zones calculated under different conditions.

Recommended lengths of "no parking" zones with driver's eye at:

	face of curb (foc)	3 feet beyond foc	6 feet beyond foc
with 8-foot parking	130	89	33
with 10-foot parking	160	131	83

The method currently used by the Department to calculate lengths of "no parking" zones is designed to provide sufficient reaction time and stopping distance to avoid a collision. This method assumes clear weather conditions and does not consider vehicles exceeding the critical speed of traffic. Although this method assumes many factors, staff would not encourage significantly reducing calculated lengths of "no parking" zones.

Another condition at this area that concerns staff is the lane drop on Kettleman Lane just west of this driveway. Westbound drivers traveling in the curb lane are concentrating on merging left into the flow of traffic and may not be as alert to traffic exiting the driveway as they would normally be. The combination of the lane drop and reduced visibility of drivers entering Kettleman Lane from the driveway could create a less safe condition.

Staff has no objection to the business owner's request for a 25-foot "no parking" zone east of the driveway. However, if the Department's sight distance analysis was used at this driveway, the length of the "no parking" would be significantly longer. Combined with the "no parking" zone east of the MSC driveway, these zones would eliminate all of the available parking between the two driveways.

Because this "no parking" zone is located on a State Highway, Caltrans approval was required before the zone was installed. If City Council chooses to modify the length of this "no parking" zone, a resolution must be adopted and Caltrans approval obtained.

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FUNDING: From the Street Maintenance Account.

Jack L. Ronsko

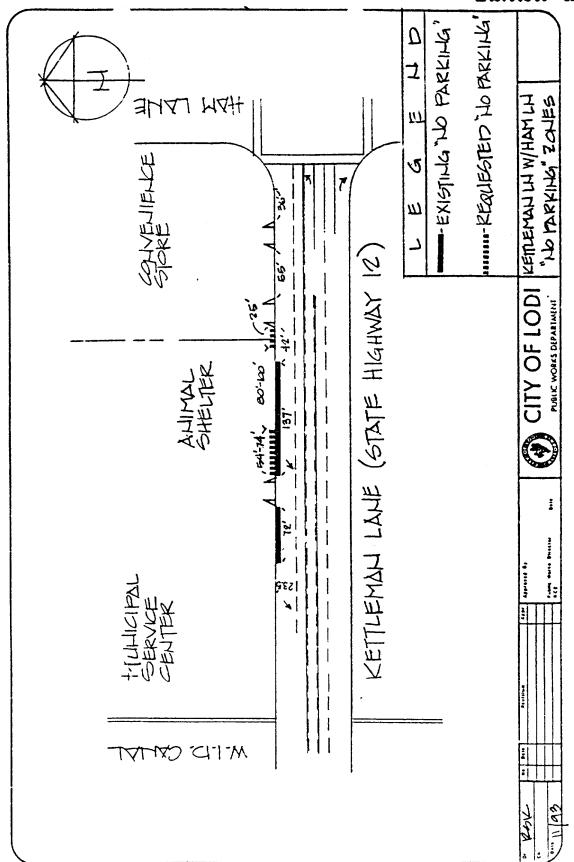
Public Works Director

Prepared by Rick S. Kiriu, Senior Engineering Technician

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Attachments

cc: City Attorney
Police Chief
Street Superintendent
Electric Utility Superintendent
Associate Traffic Engineer
Affected Property Owner



RESOLUTION NO. 93-146

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL MODIFYING THE EXISTING "NO PARKING" ZONE, KETTLEMAN LANE WEST OF HAM LANE, EAST OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICE CENTER DRIVEWAY

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lodi City Council does hereby modify the existing "No Parking" zone, Kettleman Lane west of Ham Lane, east of the Municipal Service Center driveway, as shown on Exhibit A attached hereto.

Dated: November 17, 1993

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 93-146 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held November 17, 1993 by the following vote:

Ayez: Council Members -

Noes: Council Members -

Absent: Council Members -

Jennifer M. Perrin City Clerk CITY COUNCIL

PHILLIP A. PENNINO. Mayor JACK A. SIEGLOCK Mayor Pro Tempore RAY G. DAVENPORT STEPHEN J. MANN JOHN R. (Randy) SNIDER

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November 8, 1993

THOMAS A PETERSON
City Manager

JENNIFER M. PERRIN City Clerk

BOB McNATT

City Attorney

Flame Liquors

Attn: Property Owner 1301 W. Kettleman Lane

Lodi, CA 95242

SUBJECT:

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East of the Municipal Service Center Driveway

Enclosed is a copy of background information on an item that is on the City Council agenda of Wednesday, November 17, 1993, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the City Council Chamber, Carnegie Forum, 305 West Pine Street.

This item is on the consent calendar and is usually not discussed unless a Council Member requests discussion. The public is given an opportunity to address items on the consent calendar at the appropriate time.

If you wish to write to the City Council, please address your letter to City Council, City of Lodi, P. O. Box 3006, Lodi, California, 95241-1910. Be sure to allow time for the mail. Or, you may hand-deliver the letter to City Hall, 221 West Pine Street.

If you wish to address the Council at the Council meeting, be sure to fill out a speaker's card (available at the Camegie Forum immediately prior to the start of the meeting) and give it to the City Clerk. If you have any questions about communicating with the Council, please contact Jennifer Perrin, City Clerk, at (209) 333–6702.

If you have any questions about the item itself, please call Rick Kiriu or Paula Fernandez at (209) 333-6706.

Jack L. Ronsko

Public Works Director

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Enclosure

cc: City Clerk

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FLAME LIQUORS INC.
1301 West Kettleman Lane (3)
Lodi, California 95242
(209) 334-3233

City Council, City of Lodi P. O. Box 3006 Lodi, California 95241-1910

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We met with the City Staff on Friday, November 12, 1993. The City crews parked a large City of Lodi truck eighty feet west of the Flame Liquors property line. With the City of Lodi truck parked at that location, it was apparent the view to enter onto Kettleman Lane, turning east, was adequate from the City of Lodi Municipal Service Center Driveway.

We were under the impression when the "No Parking" Zone was installed at that location, it was supposed to be enough room for an 18 wheel truck to park. We discussed with the City Staff that a parking limit up to 30 minutes would be adequate time for a truck to park and the driver to shop.

Sincerely,

William Graffigna William Graffigna

WG: je

Enclosure

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Ayes:

Council Members - Davenport, Mann, Sieglock, Snider and Pennino

(Mayor)

Noes:

Council Members - None

Absent:

Council Members - None



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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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